

House Resolution No. 4210

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are deeply saddened by news of the untimely passing of former Missouri State Representative serving the 12th District Sherman Thompson Parker, on September 18, 2008; and

Whereas, an outstanding student-athlete who graduated from Affton High School, Sherman Parker received his bachelor of arts in North and South American history and political science from the University of Vermont in 1994, where he attended on an athletic scholarship, and during his junior year there, he attended Saint Louis University in Madrid, Spain; and

Whereas, Sherman Parker also attended the prestigious John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and

Whereas, prior to being elected a Missouri State Representative and assuming his public duties, Sherman Parker was a member of the executive staff of UniGroup, Inc., served as an account comptroller for StateStreet Bank in Boston, Massachusetts, and served as a special assistant to former Governor Weld of Massachusetts and United States senators Christopher “Kit” Bond, John Ashcroft, and James “Jim” Talent; and

Whereas, Sherman Parker was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, the first African-American to be elected to that body from St. Charles County, in November 2002 and was re-elected in 2004 with seventy-three percent of the vote; and

Whereas, during the 92nd Missouri General Assembly, Representative Parker was elected Deputy Majority Whip and served as Vice-Chairman of the Financial Services Committee, as well as on the Education Committee and the Small Business Committee; and

Whereas, during his first year as a legislator, Missouri’s community college chancellors and presidents named Representative Parker their Legislator of the Year for his work for and commitment to higher education, and he was named a Missouri Votes Conservation’s Rising Star, due to his leadership on conservation issues; and

Whereas, in 2002, Sherman Parker was named by his peers as Missouri’s Young Republican of the Year, and in 2005, Cardinal Glennon Hospital recognized him with the “Defender of the Children” award; and

Whereas, Sherman Parker will be long and well remembered by his mother, Esther Parker; his wife, Julana Parker; his daughters, Alexandra and Jazmyn; his grandmother Helen Thompson, who helped raise him; and his cherished friends Christopher Arps, James Hill, Keith Savage, and Kimberly Pohrer, along with a host of other relatives, admirers, and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere condolences to the family of former Missouri State Representative Sherman Parker on this sad occasion; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the family of Sherman Thompson Parker.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4210, adopted September 24, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker